(v) How the incentive can be used:

The incentive for Panchayat Raj Institutions can be used for improving and maintaining sanitation facilites in their respective areas. The focus should be on solid and liquid waste disposal and maintenance of the sanitation standard.

3. This will become operational from the Current Financial Year (2003-04).

Funds under APDRP to Assam

*333. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned to Government of Assam under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme for power generation, transmission and distribution during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for gap between the sanctioned amount and released amount; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Details of the funds sanctioned to the Government of Assam during the last three years for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution network are as under:

SI. No.	Year	Name of the Project	Cost of the Projects	Funds Released	Funds Utilized
1.	2000-01	ST&D	20.02	20.02	5.05
	2001 -02	-	-	-	-
2.	2002-03	ST&D	365.98	96.97	0.05
		TOTAL:	386.00	116.99	5.10

(b)The State Government has been able to utilize Rs. 5.05 crores out of Rs. 20.02 crores released during the year 2000-01. Out of Rs. 96.97 crores released during the year 2002-03, utilization by the

State Government has been Rs. 5 lakhs only. Due to low utilization of the funds by the State Government, further funds could not be released.

(c) The steps taken in this regard to facilitate the State to gear up implementation of APDRP schemes are:

(i) Strict and periodic monitoring at Ministry level;

(ii) Assistance by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) in preparation of tender documents;

(iii) Streamlining the procedure for release of funds to the State Electricity Board; and

(iv) Formulation of technical specification issued by Central Electricity Authority.

Textile Reconstruction Fund

*334. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether top officials from the Ministries of Finance, Textiles and a few leading financial institutions and Nationalised banks met in New Delhi recently to discuss ways to revive the debt-ridden textile mills of National Textile Corporation through the Textile Reconstruction Fund;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed and decision taken; and

(c) how the decisions are being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Senior officials of the Ministries of Finance and Textiles, and of a few leading financial institutions and Nationalized Banks and Industry met in New Delhi on 23rd July, 2003 to discuss a mechanism for restructuring the debt portfolios of viable and potentially, viable textile units in term of Finance Minister's announcement in Budget proposals 2003-04. However, no discussion took place to revive the debt ridden textile mills of National Textiles Corporation which are government owned and are handled separately.